

**Virginia Department of Health**  
**Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report**  
**May 5, 2008**

**WORLDWIDE UPDATE**

- This month the World Health Organization (WHO) added six cases and three deaths to its count of human cases of avian influenza A/H5N1, bringing the cumulative total to 382 cases and 241 deaths (63.1 percent). Countries reporting cases were Indonesia (one case), Egypt (three cases) and Pakistan (two cases); however, the cases from Pakistan were recently confirmed by WHO but initially reported in November 2007. All four of the new cases, from Indonesia and Egypt, were found to have exposure to sick and/or dead poultry prior to the onset of illness.

**VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office**

- The next PanFlu Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Central, which is located at 3207 N. Boulevard in Richmond. If you plan to attend, please register for the meeting on TRAIN at <https://va.train.org>. Check-in on the 19<sup>th</sup> begins at 8:30am; the meeting starts at 9am and ends at 12:30pm.
- The Pandemic Flu Preparedness and Response video (produced by the Virginia Department of Health) is now available in the Knowledge Center. This 15-minute video will give you a brief overview of the major issues surrounding Pandemic Flu. Through a question and answer format, we will give you answers to some of the most common inquiries we hear on this subject. This video was produced by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) for use as a stand-alone tool or in conjunction with other Pandemic Flu materials.
- State PanFlu Planning team met to coordinate refinement / completion of the State PanFlu Plan due to the Governor's PanFlu Oversight Committee by 30 May and to the Federal Interagency Review Panel by 9 July. Several VA. subject matter experts have been selected to participate in development of federal plan review / grading criteria
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to following VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

**VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports**

- **Central Region**
  - Region District Planner Alert Group has been created utilizing the Health Alert Network (HAN) system to allow the Region, or any District within the Region, to alert the Regional and District Planners regarding an event or "all hazards" emergency which may be taking place within the jurisdiction. The HAN uses multiple alternative communications methods to alert users, including work telephone, cell phone, home telephone, work and home e-mail, etc., to ensure that the alert is delivered electronically and that the alert has been confirmed by the recipient.
  - Planner and Trainer continued to provide planning support for an upcoming Henrico County and Henrico County Health District joint PanFlu Tabletop Exercise scheduled tentatively for the week of October 20.
  - Regional EP&R Team has developed an Epidemiological Incident Command System Table Top Exercise for use by Districts in better training their staff on the use of the Incident Command System (ICS) System in an emergency. This training provides a better understanding of incident management practices that would be used by the Epidemiological staff during a PanFlu outbreak. This Epidemiological Incident

- Command Table Top Exercise is also designed to be used state-wide with VDH Epidemiological staff to provide greater familiarity with the use of the ICS structure as it relates to epidemiological activities in a PanFlu or other widespread outbreak. To date, this training has been held in the Henrico Health District and is scheduled in the Crater Health District (May 20), Richmond City Health district (July 15) and in the Chesterfield Health District (Oct. 29).
- PIO has continued to work with the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Central Region Health Directors and District Planners, in developing an electronic template for a newspaper supplement in the event of a Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) or other major emergency, such as PanFlu, that could be forwarded immediately and printed on short notice in the event of an emergency. Development of the newspaper supplement and collaboration are on-going.
  - PIO is collaborating with the Chesterfield District Planner to produce public relations material for their upcoming District PanFlu Summit scheduled for May 29.
  - **Northern Region.** Nothing reported.
  - **Eastern Region**
    - Training Coordinator continues to assist the Chesapeake and Virginia Beach Health Districts in coordinating a PanFlu-related Business Continuity Planning Seminar, which will be held in June 2008.
    - Epidemiologist participated on the Norfolk Airport Authority Emergency Preparedness Committee. There was continued discussion regarding a response plan according to the new federal guidelines contained in the National Aviation Resource Manual for Quarantinable Diseases, to include PanFlu, in in-bound flights. The Norfolk District Epidemiologist will work with the Regional Epidemiologist on the Public Health portion of the plan. The next meeting is scheduled for June 27.
    - Epidemiologist gave a presentation during Epidemiological Training-Best Practice Session regarding best practices on the approach in the Region to conduct field data collection for rapid needs assessments using mobile Geographical Information System (GIS) in handheld computer units. This is a collaborative effort among the health districts to streamline assessments for all hazards events, particularly during PanFlu. Region's workgroup is represented by epidemiologists, planners and environmental health staff from all nine districts in the Region.
  - **Southwest Region**
    - Planner, Epidemiologist, Public Information officer (PIO) and Trainer all attended the EP&R Best Practices Summit in Richmond to learn what other Regions and Districts were doing regarding a variety of topics that included avian influenza (AI) vaccination point-of-dispensing (PODs) and education for the public and health communities.
    - Planner made a presentation to the graduating class of licensed practical nurses (LPNs) at the Giles County Vocational School that focused on AI and the associated plans including the continuity of operations plan (COOP) process, affected PanFlu infrastructure shortages and surge needs.
    - Planner attended the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) Forum in Marion for the VDEM Region Four where AI and planning efforts were discussed.
    - Planner attended the NW/SW Hospital Emergency Management Committee (HEMC) where drills and exercises were discussed in detail, focusing on the prospects of an AI outbreak and subsequent infrastructure failings.
    - PIO conducted media relations training for the Central Virginia Health District and participated in the VDEM disaster drill focusing on the JIC preparation and

- emergency communications. This training would be implemented in the event of a PanFlu outbreak.
- Trainer and PIO attended planning meetings and coordinated registration for the Catastrophic Events Workshop planned for James Madison University (JMU) on May 13, 2008, which will include items that can be used during an AI event.
  - Planner and Trainer attended and successfully completed the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) course that will allow the standardization of exercise evaluation including AI exercises.

### **VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports**

#### **• Alexandria**

- Finalized request for CDC funding for PanFlu efforts.
- Finalized contract for work on pandemic planning for the medically vulnerable; work to start in May.
- Met with Isolation and Quarantine Subject Matter Expert Group of the Mayor's Pandemic Working Group and established linkage between the group and legal authorities in VDH.
- Identified possible sites for housing people in involuntary isolation and quarantine.
- Met with school system to continue work on schools' PanFlu plans.
- Served as Work Group Subject Matter Expert for NACCHO-sponsored At Risk Populations Project.
- Presented to local area hospital emergency planners concerning joint efforts for pandemic planning.
- Continued work as part of a group exploring the use of GIS in placing facilities easily accessible to people in the community.
- Presented to class of graduate public health graduate students concerning local public health efforts in PanFlu planning.

#### **• Arlington**

- An automated fit testing system has been identified and a request for funding put in the PanFlu carryover requests. Virginia Hospital Center has not yet agreed to participate in the project. District is considering purchase of a training video recommended by the Association of Infection Control Practitioners.
- Two Arlington congregations continue to determine interest in their congregations for participating in the pilot project. District has recruited nine members of the Arlington Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) willing to assist in the project. The projected timeframe for the pilot project is May – July.
- Edits have been completed and the segment is ready for final internal approval before delivery to the Arlington Office of Economic Development for their web site.
- Materials in a variety of languages have been identified and downloaded from web sites such as the CDC, WHO, Red Cross and VDH. The CD-rom which be delivered to Medical Offices and selected Community-based organizations (CBOs) will have PanFlu information English, Spanish, Amharic, Arabic, French, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese and some others.
- A draft notebook/binder has been prepared including Tips for Medical Offices series, Mask Fitting guidelines and resources, PanFlu checklists, information resources, disease reporting lists and guidelines and a CD-rom (under development) containing PanFlu preparedness and response information in languages other than English.
- A booth has been reserved for the County Fair in August. District continues to assemble PanFlu materials for the display. Materials in languages other than English will be available.

- **Central Shenandoah**

- Director, Epidemiologist/Nurse and Planner met with Mary Baldwin College on two occasions to meet their Crisis Management Team and PanFlu Planning Committee members and to provide related information. The PUSH MOU was also discussed.
- Planner assisted the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Emergency Task Force with the planning and execution of their first Chempack exercise.
- Planner attended NW Regional Hospital meeting and assisted with discussion of November Statewide PanFlu Exercise.
- Planner continues to work with Lord Fairfax Health District Planner, VDH Training Division and James Madison University to put together a HSEEP Catastrophic Event Resource Planning Workshop. The basis for this training event is the potential for a PanFlu event.
- Planner continues to work with district partners on the PUSH MOU. Currently has three pending.
- Planner met with Augusta Medical Center and the Cities of Waynesboro and Staunton to begin identifying triage and surge facilities throughout Augusta County that would be used during a pandemic.

- **Central Virginia**

- District continues to coordinate its efforts on pandemic response and preparedness with the community partners.
- Immunization Nurse performed 36 face-to-face briefings during travel immunization clinics on pandemic awareness/preparedness.
- Epidemiologist led a discussion with the Epidemiologic Response Team regarding recent human cases of avian influenza around the world, the associated morbidity and mortality rates and the interim WHO Influenza Virus Tracking System online.

- **Chesapeake**

- PanFlu Assistant and Chesapeake MRC Assistant participated in the 2008 Chesapeake Sheriff's Senior Services Seminar, held at the Chesapeake Conference Center. A display board was assembled, which contained information on hand washing and cough etiquette. PanFlu Assistant also distributed informational flyers about the difference between a common cold and seasonal flu.
- PanFlu Assistant met with the Chesapeake Public Schools' Nurse's staff to officially launch Chesapeake Public School's "Healthy Hands" Poster Contest. Contest winners are scheduled to be announced in May.
- Planning Committee for the "Taking Care of Business" joint Chesapeake and Virginia Beach PanFlu-oriented business continuity planning seminar met; the venue and guest speakers for the conference have now been confirmed.

- **Chesterfield**

- Planner, Epidemiologist, PanFlu Coordinator and Office Service Specialist continue to work in preparation of the District PanFlu summit.
- Planner presented information regarding emergency preparedness and PanFlu to Chester Kiwanis.
- PanFlu Coordinator presented information on emergency preparedness and PanFlu at AM Davis Elementary School.
- Director presented information on PanFlu to South East Business Recovery Exchange (SEBRE).

- **Chickahominy**

- PanFlu Coordinator attended and distributed PanFlu literature at various health fairs, including ones at New Kent Middle School, one for Seniors, Goochland County High

- School, Second Union Baptist Church, an outreach event to Mattaponi Indian Tribe in Hanover, a kick-off for Hanover County's Child Abuse Prevention Month and Shiloh Baptist Church's Women's Day Celebration.
- PanFlu Coordinator gave overview of PanFlu program and activities and a presentation to Bon Secours Nursing School student and Manakin-Sabot Family Practice staff in Goochland.
  - District's Spanish translator helped to distribute Infection Control and Seasonal Flu posters to Hispanic community in Hanover and New Kent Counties, including restaurants, Latin markets, library and churches.
  - Hanover County Schools' Health Services Coordinator and District PanFlu Coordinator collaborated on Hand Washing Campaign for Hanover schools. Health Services Coordinator and Manager of TV Production and Utilization arranged for Communications student interns to produce Hand Washing video which has been running since the fall months of 2008 on Hanover County Channel 99. Health Services Coordinator reports that thousands have viewed throughout the year and that the video is now incorporated into their REMS Grant and provides "constant PanFlu information" to students, families and residents living in Hanover County.
  - PanFlu Coordinator created voice-over training CD for PanFlu.
  - PanFlu training, Pandemic OSHA and CDC planning guidelines presented to Hanover County Cold Harbor Family Medicine.
- **Crater**
    - Educator continued the "Pandemic Influenza: Planning for the Possibility" campaign designed just for businesses, focusing on proper hygiene practices and wellness in the work place. Preparedness Packets were sent out to all District grocery/convenience stores and restaurants to assist business owners in encouraging good hygiene practices among the employees and how to become prepared for a possible flu pandemic. They were also offered assistance in devising or updating their businesses' hygiene practices and PanFlu plans.
    - The first edition of "The Flu Flash" newsletter was sent out to all physicians, informing them of influenza updates and PanFlu tidbits.
    - PanFlu and emergency preparedness information was disseminated at the All Saints Chapel "Spring Fling and health Fair," in Petersburg.
    - PanFlu Team launched a "Be A Germ Stopper, Before They Stop YOU!" campaign, presenting germ-stopping techniques to over 250 students at the Woodlawn Learning Center in Hopewell. In addition, they were able to disseminate "Clean Hands Are Healthy" coloring books and learning plans to be used as reinforcement by teachers.
    - Crater MRC community volunteer program is now an official MRC. Educator, Planner and Central Virginia MRC Coordinator coordinated this initiative.
    - District MRC team met with other district MRC coordinators to plan future events.
  - **Cumberland Plateau**
    - PanFlu Coordinator and Planner met with the Dickenson and Russell County School Systems in an ongoing effort to assist in incorporating a PanFlu plan into their safety plan as part of the EP&R Priority Projects. Also met with the counties' LEPCs to integrate PanFlu planning considerations in the local response plans, standard operating procedures and the Emergency Operations plans.
    - Director, Planner, PanFlu Coordinator, Epidemiologist, along with Lenowisco Epidemiologist, submitted a joint rural CDC PanFlu grant proposal to develop a prototype for community planning and decision making around non-pharmaceutical implementation, specifically social distancing; the award is pending.

- PanFlu Coordinator participated in two Pan Flu Preparedness webinars.
- Director, Epidemiologist, Nurse Supervisors, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator participated in a teleconference planning meeting to plan for the 2008 Flu Clues Program for area schools.
- PanFlu Coordinator prepared faith-based mailings for pandemic preparedness and is in the process of sending them to over 500 religious organizations in the district as part of Public Service Week.
- Planner presented “Best Practices” of vaccinating nearly 2,500 participants during four Winter PanFlu POD exercises at the EP&R Summit.
- PanFlu Coordinator and Planner distributed PanFlu brochures, posters and educational aids to the Russell County Disaster Recovery Task Force volunteers.
- District and Acting Lenowisco Director, in collaboration with the Mt. Rogers Director, briefed area Southwest Virginia School Superintendents on PanFlu Planning concentrating on non-pharmaceutical interventions and using a seasonal intervention with in school vaccination programs as a surrogate to facilitate the implementation of POD in an event.
- **Eastern Shore**
  - Educator facilitated IS-22 and Psychological First Aid Workshop.
  - Educator participated in a Men’s Health Day held at a local Church by providing information on hand washing and respiratory etiquette.
  - Educator continues to develop and implement plans for the District’s first Power Training and Volunteer Appreciation Day. This is a full scale training event that will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the local college. There will be 12 MRC/National Incident Management System (NIMS)-based trainings conducted, along with a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) exercise, volunteer recognition and cookout. There will be exhibits from numerous community health, fire and rescue and civic organizations and events that appeal to children.
  - Educator and Planner working on school closure tabletop exercise to be held in summer for school administrators.
- **Fairfax**
  - PanFlu team presented PanFlu education and preparedness information to the following: Dar Al Hijrah Health Fair in Falls Church; Pine Spring Elementary school’s Hispanic parents support group and Higher Horizon Day Care Center in Falls Church; Lanier Middle School’s Hispanic PTA; attendees of the Western Fairfax Community Day; Santa Maria Episcopal Church and the Culmore literacy and social awareness Day in Falls Church; Masjid Dar ul-Huda Islamic school in Springfield; the Hope Chinese School at Herndon and Chantilly; and, the staff of the Fairfax WIC Program and Healthy Families.
  - PanFlu team members attended several Human Services partner meetings for networking and outreach opportunities within the ethnic communities and vulnerable populations in Fairfax County.
- **Hampton**
  - Planner met with following City of Hampton representatives to discuss PanFlu preparation: Public Works; Police; Fire/EMS; City Attorney; Risk Management; and, Sheriffs Office.
  - Planner and Director met with representatives from Hampton University to discuss PanFlu issues.
- **Henrico**
  - Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.

- District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter, which includes a Pandemic/Avian Flu update, to local healthcare facilities, medical providers, schools, first responders, county officials and other interested parties.
- Henrico MRC Coordinator established partnership with Sandston Library, which initiated the MRC training for local residents in the east end of the county.
- Planner and PanFlu Coordinator continue to hold Incident Command System (ICS) training for Henrico County MRC volunteers, who are required to know and understand the ICS role in a pandemic event.
- VDH State Pharmacist for EP&R provided Bioterrorism training to Henrico MRC volunteers.
- PanFlu/MRC Coordinator continued outreach to nursing homes and assisted living facilities and presented PanFlu information to local long term care facilities' management and staff, as well as provided PanFlu information to 20 senior residents in the east end of Henrico County and pandemic and MRC information to local Wyndham hotel employees.
- Planner continued to plan a PanFlu Table-top Exercise, using HSEEP guidelines, with County Emergency Manager.
- Planner presented an overview of PanFlu and the District's Pandemic Response Plan to the Henrico County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- **Lenowisco**
  - Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Southwest Region Four Roundtable Emergency Coordination Meeting in Marion. Epidemiologist was invited to present information on the PanFlu social distancing grant application
  - VDH "Stay at Home" Toolkits for Influenza, Z-cards and PanFlu preparation brochures were provided to nursing students at the Wise County Career Center. The students are utilizing the material to develop presentations for Wise County 4-H members. Toolkits and Z-cards also distributed to WIC/MICC and home health care patients, civic groups and parent groups.
  - Director, Epidemiologist, Nurse Supervisor and Planner participated in a teleconference planning meeting for the 2008 Flu Clues Program for area schools
  - Epidemiologist and Cumberland Plateau Epidemiologist presented on the 2007 Flu Clues project during VDH EP&R Summit.
  - Director, in collaboration with the Mt. Rogers Director, briefed Southwestern Virginia School Superintendents on PanFlu planning concentrating on non-pharmaceutical interventions and using a seasonal intervention with in-school vaccination programs as a surrogate to facilitate the implementation of a point-of-dispensing (POD) site in an event.
- **Lord Fairfax**
  - Continued work on the development and execution of the Catastrophic Event Resource Planning Workshop with JMU and Central Shenandoah Health District.
- **Loudoun**
  - Provided a PanFlu presentations/overviews for the Board of Directors and senior staff of The Business Bank in Sterling; for the pastors of the King of Kings Worship Center in Purcellville, and for the organizer of the Loudoun Church Alliance, to the pastor of the Faith Chapel and Furnace Mountain Presbyterian Churches in northern Loudoun County. Scheduled PanFlu presentations for Loudoun County Parks and Recreation employees in South Riding for their Staff Development Day on August 20th; for the congregation of the Leesburg United Methodist Church in Leesburg for

- May 4; and for the congregation of the King of Kings Worship Center in Purcellville for May 18.
- Displayed a PanFlu tabletop storyboard and a scrolling laptop presentation at the Parents' Involvement Symposium in Ashburn, VA; and at the Guilford Elementary School Health Fair, the Sterling Street Health Fair and the Loudoun Bible Church Health Fair.
  - Provided PanFlu preparedness pamphlets to Inova Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg for inclusion in patient release (take-home) folders and distribution through the hospital's mobile health van at upcoming public events.
  - Participated in planning meetings for District's Code Flu '08 PanFlu-scenario medical POD exercise.
  - Scheduled a PanFlu display table for The Community Church Health Fair in Ashburn on October 18.
  - Continued visits and distribution of Spanish language PanFlu pamphlets and information sheets to Hispanic restaurants and markets in Loudoun County.
  - Participated in a CDC Washington-Dulles International Airport Communicable Disease Response Plan revision meeting as follow-up to a previous PanFlu exercise.
  - **Mount Rogers**
    - Planner presented PanFlu information to Washington County LEPC members.
    - Director and Planner met with Division Seven School Superintendents to discuss inclusion of a PanFlu annex to local school crisis management response plans.
    - Planner and Washington County Emergency Manager met with Highlands Community Service Board's Disaster Planner to discuss revision of their emergency response plan, including PanFlu planning.
  - **New River**
    - Director, Infection Control Nurse, Epidemiologist and Planner continue taking every opportunity to communicate PanFlu preparedness to public agencies, private business, civic groups and faith organizations.
    - Director, Epidemiologist and Planner in process of scheduling a tabletop exercise with area school superintendents as a way to implement the recently approved school closing template.
    - Planner recently met with District Community Services Board (CSB) Director and Mental Health staff to evaluate best management practices/protocol for response to pandemic/mass casualty incidents.
    - District staff beginning initial discussion for ways to "push" medicines to the community. Planner has been meeting with local emergency management coordinators and law enforcement agencies to review security for PODs.
  - **Peninsula**
    - Director discussed PanFlu with the Newport News school system leadership. Further work will be accomplished to support a pandemic (decision making) exercise as we enter the summer. Date to be determined.
    - Planner provided PanFlu information and suggestions for planning to approximately 70 people from all over the state at a meeting of the Virginia Association of Dietary Managers.
  - **Piedmont**
    - PanFlu Educator conducted three presentations on Prevention of Spread of Germs to two pre-school organizations and one faith-based organization and participated in a local school health fair and a spring festival by providing pandemic and general preparedness information, as well as general health maintenance topics.



- MRC volunteers are assisting with preparing materials for PanFlu Educator's upcoming presentations.
- **Pittsylvania-Danville**
  - PanFlu Educator and Epidemiologist participated in two-day health fair for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. employees and their families and the Occupational Health Fair for 500 Danville City employees, distributing PanFlu materials.
  - PanFlu Educator, Planner and Epidemiologist attended Pittsylvania County LEPC meeting.
  - PanFlu brochures, "Cover Your Cough" and "Proper Hand Washing" posters given to CentraHealth. PanFlu brochures "Know What, We Fight Germs," and "Clean Hands are Healthy" distributed to students at Mt. Airy Elementary School. PanFlu materials and program delivered to teen CERT students at Tunstall Middle School.
- **Portsmouth**
  - PanFlu Health Educator met with local Wal-Mart weekly to discuss planning and advertising for "National Public Health Week." PanFlu Educator set up educational PanFlu quiz board and preparedness kit items on display for Portsmouth's National Public Health Week Celebration. Public Health Week events were located inside Wal-Mart. Educator spoke with approximately 200 people on Pan Flu and preparedness throughout the week. Each day shoppers who received Pan Flu information from the educator were entered into a free raffle for a preparedness kit, worth \$50. Wal-Mart donated a total of six kits, one preparedness kit for each day.
  - PanFlu Educator sent more letters offering Pan Flu preparedness presentations to assisted living facilities and nursing homes.
  - PanFlu Educator prepared items to be used in a Pan Flu "Quest for Survival Hunt" scheduled for the District employee appreciation event at Portsmouth's City Park. Items recommended for inclusion in a family preparedness kit will be hidden throughout the park, and the employee who locates the most items will receive a prize.
- **Prince William**
  - Discussing legal issues for local PanFlu planning; reviewed and updated the District PanFlu plan.
  - Director and Planner continue planning with Prince William County School System for the PanFlu exercise utilizing the free flu vaccines.
  - PSAs aired on local stations on sneezing etiquette called Sneezing 101.
  - Special Needs Outreach Worker and Special Needs Planner working with Disabilities Outreach Work Group to produce a Special-Needs preparedness DVD to be aired on local channels; they also attended the Disabilities Outreach Work Group.
  - Special Needs Outreach Worker and Special Needs Planner researching improvements to outreach to school age students and their families, as well as the use of Standards of Learning (SOLs) for Virginia's public schools to develop a better emergency preparedness program in the schools.
  - Special Needs Outreach Worker attended training on How to Communicate Effectively Through an Interpreter and worked on developing a program to distribute emergency preparedness and PanFlu information.
- **Rappahannock**
  - Emergency Services Coordinator led a discussion on PanFlu resources for the Rappahannock Volunteers Active in Disaster Executive Committee.
  - Health Educator disseminated educational materials to local North Stafford daycares on PanFlu and general hygiene prevention for cold and flu.

- Health Educator, Epidemiologist and Environmental Health Director gathered PanFlu materials for a local “Fit and Fun Family Health Fair” for approximately 100 families.
- **Rappahannock-Rapidan**
  - District staff gave out PanFlu and preparedness materials to over 450 citizens at four community presentations and three health fairs during April.
  - Spanish versions of the District’s local PanFlu brochure were printed and made available at Hispanic locations.
  - Staff advertised the upcoming speaker series on emergency preparedness and PanFlu topics and began registering attendees for the first session.
  - Planner coordinated with the Germanna Community College Nursing program to educate the entire nursing class on preparedness and PanFlu.
  - Educator distributed bookmarks advertising PanFlu community presentations to community partners in Culpeper County.
- **Richmond City**
  - Created PanFlu PowerPoint CD for PanFlu training at the request of the Richmond City Fire and Police Departments and distributed to both, as well as the Sheriff’s Department, for training of all staff. Plans are underway for police department to include PanFlu trainings during Roll Calls beginning in May.
  - Richmond Ambulance Authority trained 20 employees in PanFlu using PanFlu Coordinator’s videotaped presentation.
- **Roanoke/Alleghany County**
  - No activities to report.
- **Southside**
  - Scheduled to distribute PanFlu and Infection Control outreach material during the Community Memorial Healthcenter Family Wellness Day.
  - Conducted a community outreach and PanFlu individual, community and church preparation presentation for the Bracey Ruritan Club and local community and New Hope Baptist Church’s “shut-in” pilot program.
  - Completed the questionnaire for Church Pilot “Shut-in” mission.
  - Planner met with the Director of the Boydton Community Clinic about ways they could help the District during a PanFlu event, such as being a dispensing site.
  - Scheduled PanFlu and Infection Control presentation for nursing students at the Higher Education Learning Center in South Boston and Crossroads Baptist Church’s Health Fair.
  - Solicited Bracey Ruritan Club as a possible POD for the Braceycommunity in the event of a pandemic.
  - Packaged and distributed 1,800 PanFlu and Infection Control handouts to 36 churches in the District for distribution to their congregations with their weekly bulletins. Have distributed approximately 8,800 handouts to a total of 113 churches to date.
- **Thomas Jefferson**
  - Provided PanFlu information to English as Second Language (ESL) Community Information Expo at Albemarle High School and Spanish-speaking members of a mothers group at La Iglesia de Fé, in Albemarle County.
- **Three Rivers**
  - Planner conducted Introduction to PanFlu training presentation to MRC volunteers.
  - Public Health Nurses distributed hand washing and PanFlu literature at the King William County Springfest and, along with the Team Leader, WIC Supervisor and MRC volunteers, to the YMCA Healthy Kids Day at the King William, Middlesex and Richmond County YMCAs.

- Planner briefed local emergency managers on upcoming DRIVEX '08 drive-thru flu vaccination exercises tentatively planned for October in King William and Gloucester Counties, encouraging them to contact the District for possible future exercises in their respective districts. Planner confirmed availability of King William Fire and Rescue Squad facility in Aylett and permission from County Board of Supervisors and law enforcement for a drive-thru vaccination clinic during the exercise. Discussion and planning efforts continue in confirming facility availability and permission of Board of Supervisors and law enforcement in Gloucester County.
- Planner attended Westmoreland County Emergency Preparedness meeting and discussed District's role and capabilities in various types of disasters including a flu pandemic.
- **Virginia Beach**
  - After-Action report sent to Virginia Beach Department of Public Health Emergency Response Team for revisions and input following February PanFlu internal Tabletop Exercise.
  - After-Action report sent to Pandemic Flu Committee for revisions and input following February PanFlu citywide Tabletop Exercise.
  - "Clean Hands are Healthy" activity booklets distributed to students during City of Virginia Beach Public Schools' kindergarten registration.
  - PanFlu Committee officially dissolved and transitioned into the newly formed City of Virginia Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee.
- **West Piedmont**
  - Planner attended the Franklin County PanFlu planning group meeting. Planner agreed to start a monthly PanFlu newsletter that will go out to all Franklin County participants. The Franklin County School system is still working on their PanFlu plan.
  - Planner made a presentation to the Henry County CERT members to give an overview of current events concerning a possible PanFlu, as well as information on personal preparedness and the events surrounding the Spanish Flu of 1918.
  - Planner worked with the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, with supporting information on creating the museum's PanFlu plan.
  - Planner gave a PanFlu update to District staff during the monthly all-hands polycom meeting.
- **Western Tidewater**
  - No report due to ongoing tornado response efforts. April activities to be reported in next report.